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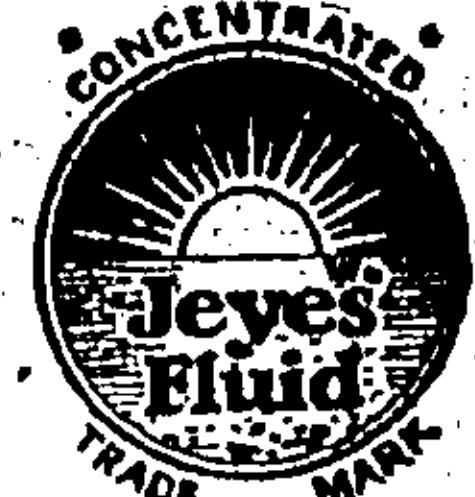


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JAPAN DISASTER

DEATH ROLL OF FOREIGNERS.
WORLDWIDE SYMPATHY EVOKED.
HELP FROM ALL QUARTERS.

(Heuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NAGASAKI, September 5.
Prominent foreigners reported dead at Yokohama include:

The American acting Consul, Mr. Kirjassoff and his wife, the vice-consul Mr. Jenkins, the commercial attaché, Mr. Babbitt, and his family.
The French consul-general, Mr. de Jardin.
Messrs. Tait and McDouglass of the Chartered Bank.

Mr. I. C. Morrison, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.
Mr. Mollison of Mollison and Company, and his wife.

The Reverend Father Le Babey.

Dr. Reidhaas.
Dr. Edwin Wheeler.

Mrs. M. E. E. Root.

Mrs. Mantel.

Miss Carmen.

Miss Nunes.

Miss Komor.

Miss Kathleen Robinson.

Miss Salade.

Miss Henriques.

BRITISH AID.

LONDON, September 4.
Lord Curzon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has conveyed to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador, the profoundest sympathy of the British Government, and assured him that any help the British Government can render will be most freely given.

The King has telegraphed to Baron Hayashi his heartfelt sympathy with the Japanese Nation "in the terrible, devastating disaster which has befallen your country, bringing with it irreparable loss of life."

Brigadier-General Trotter, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, called upon Baron Hayashi and expressed the Prince's sympathy. He specially inquired about the safety of the Prince Regent.

Madame Pavlova intends to contribute the whole of the net takings of a performance at Covent Garden Opera House, to be given on September 13, to the Japanese earthquake relief fund.

LONDON, September 4.
The British Naval authorities have been instructed to render all possible assistance to the Japanese authorities.

The British Red Cross Society has cabled its deepest sympathy to the Japanese Red Cross, and has enquired whether it can help the sufferers in any way.

"General" Booth of the Salvation Army has cabled money to the Commissioner at Shanghai to start relief work in Japan.

WASHINGTON, September 4.
The United States Consul-General at Shanghai confirms the report that the casualties among foreigners at Yokohama are very numerous.

PLANS FOR RELIEF.
It is declared at the White House that President Coolidge is determined that the Government shall put all its resources at the disposal of the Japanese authorities for the relief of victims of the earthquake.

All Shipping Board vessels in Far Eastern waters have been ordered to take up relief duty.

The American Red Cross has opened a campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the relief of the sufferers. Already subscriptions are pouring in. The cinemas and theatres and the countryside are co-operating in the collection of funds.

OTHER AID PLANNED.
BRUSSELS, September 4.
The conference of the inter-allied federation of demobilised soldiers has passed a resolution of profound sympathy with Japan, assuring their Japanese comrades of the federation's desire to assist them by all means in their power.

The Italian Government has ordered the cruiser "Galabria" to proceed immediately from Shanghai to Japan and give every possible assistance to the Japanese authorities.

COMPARISON WITH WAR.
LONDON, September 4.
The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial, expresses the opinion that the devastations in Japan, if not overstated, compare with the war devastations in France.

It seems possible that she has experienced losses of every kind still heavier than those of the Russian War and without any corresponding on-fellowship of any country she might be disposed to regard as a formidable neighbour. It looks as if all over and round the Pacific a consciousness of somewhat changed proportions of national strength might soon have to be felt and with it come some perceptible modifications of existing policies. Now is the time for the human sympathy of all decent men and women in all countries to resolve that if Japan has indeed been gravely weakened, perhaps temporarily disabled for self-assertion or even self-protection, no diplomatic advantage whatever shall be taken of her misfortune. The paper urges Japan should be treated during any period of infirmity just as handsomely as if in the prime of her strength.

FRANCE'S SYMPATHY.
PARIS, September 4.
President Millerand has telegraphed to the Emperor of Japan expressing heartfelt sympathy with the victims, adding that the whole of France feels for Japan in her cruel trial.

MORE HELP.
LONDON, September 4.
The Lord Mayor announces the opening of a Mansion House Fund for the relief of Japanese sufferers.

NEW YORK, September 4.
Upon receipt of advices saying that the entire personnel and equipment of the Salvation Army depot in the heart of Tokyo had been lost in the earthquake disaster the Salvationists announced the starting of a five million dollar relief fund on behalf of the Japanese sufferers.

RUSSIAN SYMPATHY.
MOSCOW, September 4.
On behalf of the Soviet Republics, Mr. Chicherin has sent an expression of the deepest sympathy with the people and Government of Japan. The press declares that the Russian people

are profoundly moved by the appalling disaster and recalls the great famine in the Volga Provinces in 1921. The Government has instructed Vladivostok to make all possible arrangements of relief and to offer every assistance to Japanese victims.

LIST OF AREAS HIT.

OSAKA, September 5.
Judging from the reports now available, the disaster affected the following ten prefectures in Tokyo: Kanagawa, Shizuoka, Chiba, Yamaguchi, Saitama, Ibaraki, Nagano, Gumma, and Tochigi. The total area is 20,000 square miles, the total population 15,000,000. The area includes big cities like Tokyo, Yokohama, Yokosuka and foreign tourist resorts like Yamakura, Hakone and Nikko.

JAPAN IS GRATEFUL.

NAGASAKI, September 5.
The Japanese people are grateful for the expressions of sympathy King George has sent to the Emperor and Regent and for Premier Mussolini's message to Count Yamamoto. They also appreciate the kindly sentiment of the British and American Press.

NEWS FROM PEKING.

PEKING, September 4.
The American Cruiser Squadron at Chin-wong-tao has been ordered to Japan with supplies. The Legations have no news regarding the safety of their nationals at Tokyo.

The Chinese Government is sending a representative to Shanghai to arrange with the Chamber of Commerce and other bodies regarding relief measures to Japan.

The Government is drafting telegrams of sympathy to the Japan Government expressing the people's great sorrow.

The newly appointed Charge d'Affaires has been urged to proceed to Tokyo to report to the Government.

REPORTS RECEIVED LOCALLY.

At the Commodore's office this morning it was learnt that though H.M.S. "Despatch" had acknowledged the receipt of messages, she had transmitted no news of importance. It is possible that H.M.S. "Hawkins" has proceeded to Yokohama, when communication will be easier.

The N. Y. K. has received the following telegrams: Eyewitness reports Yokohama Office has collapsed. Those who first escaped by lighters are feared to have been killed later. No news of Tokyo people. K. Mikumo, T. Asai, T. Inouye, T. Kuroya, T. Hayashi, Ozaki and Midzukawa Toki safe, being on tour.

The second message reads—Situation Head Office still unknown, Yokohama Office reported crushed down, some escaped; fate of others is unknown.

The Union Insurance Society of Canton, last night received the following cable from Kobe:—Passenger "Dongola" informed us my and whole family, Lake and Hudson all safe and travelling to Kobe on "Empress of Canada."

A message to the T. K. K. confirms the report that the Tokyo Marine Insurance Company's building in Tokyo has collapsed.

The entire staff of Messrs Dowdell and Co. at Yokohama are safe, according to a cable received from Kobe yesterday. Mr. Syme-Thompson has received a cable announcing that his mother has safely reached Kobe.

All Shipping Board vessels in the vicinity of Yokohama are to report to the senior American naval officer at Yokohama and render all aid possible.

The Yokohama offices of the U. S. Shipping Board are totally wrecked and all records destroyed. One of the staff is slightly injured.

The Yokohama staff of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. are all safe. Majority of Europeans are safe. Yokohama is totally destroyed. No information had been received from Tokyo, when the message left Kobe last night. A Yokohama survivor was expected at Kobe however, and further news may be expected.

At 8 o'clock last night, the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Takahashi, received the following news from the Consul at Amoy, the message having been picked up by a Japanese destroyer in the port. The cable reads: Premier Count Yamamoto was injured on Saturday, when the first floor of the Suikosa (naval club) collapsed.

After the ceremony of the installation of the ministers on Sunday, a gang of ruffians set upon the Premier and assaulted him as he was leaving the Suikosa. Since the tidal wave in Tokyo Bay on Sunday, Mr. Yamamoto, Minister of Railways, the Premier, Admiral Takarabe, Navy Minister, and Dr. Hirayama, Minister of Justice, have been missing.

Parts of Akasaka, Ushigome, Koishikawa and the greater part of Asakusa districts (Tokyo) are safe. In Fukagawa district, across the Sumida River from Tokyo, 30,000 people were killed.

The cities of Chiba and Kisarazu about 40 miles and 80 miles respectively north of Tokyo, have been totally destroyed.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is in receipt of news that all the members of the Yokohama branch are safe with the exception of Mr. I. C. Morrison. The first cable reported his death; a later message says he is missing.

H. P. Sharp and wife arrived at Kobe to-day, all well. R. C. Edwards also arrived, sustained injuries to left hand. H. P. Sharp understands Mr. & Mrs. R. T. Wright and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Rice and family and G. Fitzgerald, R. Guinness, J. Caldwell, A. G. Cameron, G. W. E. True all safe, J. G. Morrison missing. The telegram read:

The "Empress of Canada," according to news received here to-day, has left Yokohama for Kobe with injured foreign residents on board. On the vessel's arrival at Kobe, it is hoped that fuller details of the fate of foreign residents in Tokyo and Yokohama will be available.

LOCAL RELIEF MEASURES.
At a meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce, last evening, it was decided to open a fund to enable relief to be sent to the sufferers in the disaster in Japan. The member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce are collaborating and a joint committee of four members from each Chamber and four nominees of Mr. Takahashi, the Japanese Consul, will arrange details.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow the Government will move that a sum of money be voted for relief work in Japan.

NEWS OF M.B.K. STAFF.
The local office of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha has heard from Japan that the staff at Tokyo is safe with the exception of six. The Yokohama staff is safe on board the M. B. K. steamer "Hoelien Maru." Both in Tokyo and Yokohama the external structure of the M. B. K. offices stands but the inside have been burnt out.

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System 104, 7th. Below	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow
System 105, 7th. Below	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow
System 106, 7th. Below	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow
System 107, 7th. Below	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow
System 108, 7th. Below	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow
System 109, 7th. Below	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow
System 110, 7th. Below	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 10 in. Below overflow

Consumption of water in the City
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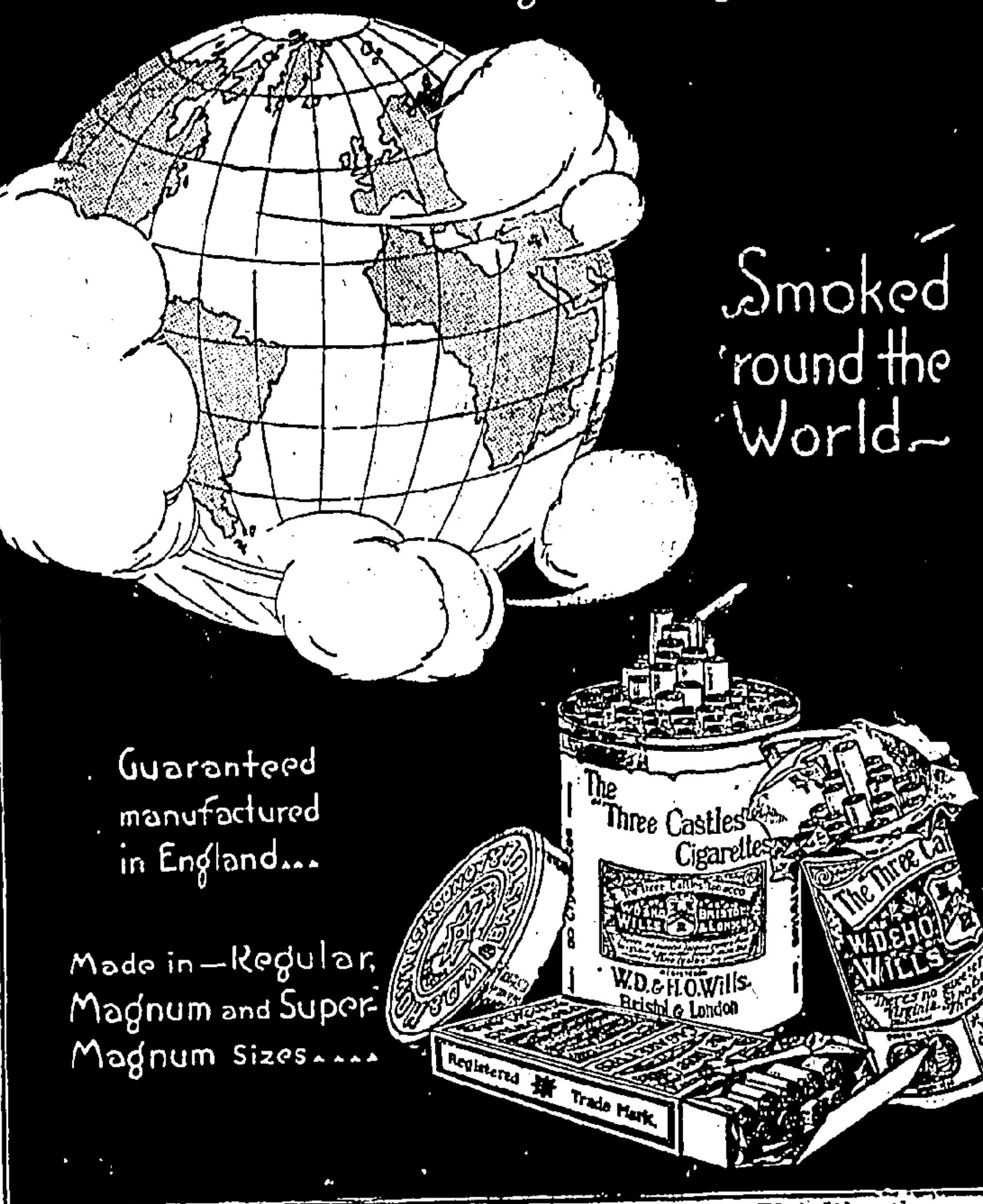
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the tragedy and what has threatened
to make it hopeless. He has less
understanding of Britain than any
man who has ever been at the head
of affairs under the Third Republic
since the Entente was founded. He
has less understanding of us than
Waldeck-Rousseau, Delcassé, or
Millerand, far less than Gambetta,
Clemenceau, or Briand. He is
absolutely convinced that he em-
bodies all the right and reason of
the matter. Every fibre of his be-
ing urges him to impose his own
view and his own will. The quality
which we in England
think the greatest weakness in
a practical statesman, M. Poincaré
holds to be the greatest strength—
he is superfluously decisive and
likes to demonstrate the vigour of
his enterprise by cutting off his
means of retreat. Three British
Prime Ministers in succession—
men of the most contrasting char-
acters and differing methods—
have found it almost impossible to
deal with M. Poincaré. He has
been much inclined to end the
Entente rather than vary his formu-
las. He does not shrink from
being remembered in French his-
tory as the man who ended the
Entente. When he has a logical
notion in his head he does not
shrink from anything. As was
said, he is an entirely honest,
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of the tragedy.

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Do not assume, writes "First
Saleswoman" in the *Daily Mail*,
because you have bought a thing
cheaply that it will be unfash-
ionable within a few weeks. That
"remnant" may be a fine dress—
length cut a few inches short of
the 3 yards or 3½ yards; nearly
always demanded, but plenty long
enough for the clever needle-
woman. It has been waiting for
someone who wanted a shorter
length, but she never came. Hence
it now bears a "reduced" ticket.
Those "soiled" goods you bought
are not soiled at all in your opinion.
You had understood on reading the
"slightly soiled" description in the
newspaper that they had come out
of a burning factory or something
of the kind. They have probably
been travellers' samples taken for
display from shop to shop; or per-
haps they have been a month or so
too long on the shelves; or perhaps

some woman, hesitating whether
to buy or not, has thumb-nailed
them too much. A buyer over-
estimates the public demand for
certain articles. When sale time
comes she is told, sometimes an-
grily, to "clear that surplus stock."
Or a buyer new to a department,
intent on making a fresh start with
goods of his or her own choosing,
points to mountains of stuff and
says "Clear it." Hence it figures
in the "clearance" sale. That is
how the term arose.

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"If he has a fault, it is a weak-
ness which he has learnt from his
competitors in publicity, the
journalists. He loves to make our
flesh creep. He conceals some-
where deep down in that distin-
guished ecclesiastical composition
a taste for scare-headlines. And
like all Englishmen when they are
about to be most romantic and
imaginative, he calls it Facing the
Facts. The fact that he is con-
tinually facing is the present state
of England. He looks on it from
time to time and finds that it is not
good. Starting in the exalted
atmosphere of Eugenics, he
generally ends up in the crowded
morass of present-day politics. I
his defence of Eugenics, he
provides the engaging and unusual
spectacle of the Church militant in
defence of Science. But it is to
be feared that the normal human
being will always regard Eugenics
as an unwarranted invasion of his
right to select his own young lady.
The Dean's argument for
scientific marriage shows his
characteristic courage in defence
of lost causes. But in his eagerness
to fix the guilt on Democracy he
need not have said that it is only
in the lowest strata that the worst
specimens, the imbecile, for in-
stance, get married, because some
of us have been to the House of
Lords. And the simple truth is
that you cannot rob the Plain Man
of his Plain Wife."

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Lead Pencils.

Every day we call to our assist-
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call it by a wrong name, though the
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lead at all about a lead pencil.
Black-lead is a wonderful sub-
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purposes besides making pencils.
The best black-lead in the world
was that mined at Borrowdale, in
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finest pencils ever known. Since
the middle of the last century,
however, the mines have been ex-
hausted. Still a certain amount of
black-lead is contained in a pencil,
though it is mixed with

other substances. Excellent
graphite is still mined in
various parts of the world, in
Bavaria, Bohemia, and in the
United States, for instance; indeed,
one town in Bavaria each week
turns out four million pencils. The
lead is made from graphite mixed
with powdered clay in various pro-
portions. Thus a dark, soft pencil,
is made of equal quantities of these
materials, while the light, hard
pencils may contain only a quarter
of black-lead. The mixture is
made into a kind of dough, which
is placed in a cylinder perforated
with a number of small holes.
When a plunger is pressed the
stuff is squeezed through the holes,
and a number of semi-hard
rods of black-lead result. These,
after being hardened by heat, are
cut into proper lengths, and
are finally made red-hot.
The wood used varies, though
Florida cedar is preferred, this
having a straight grain, and being
easy to cut. Thin slabs of this wood
are formed by means of automatic
machinery, the resultant slab being
partly the shape of half a pencil,
a number being placed side by side,
each grooved to take the lead.
The lead is put in, a somewhat
similar piece of wood is glued to
the top, and so a number of rough
pencils are formed fastened to-
gether. Machinery cuts these
apart, turns them into shape, a
coating being placed on the pencil,
and the maker's name and other
particulars being marked upon it.
—Weekly Telegraph.

Moaning Miracles.

One wonders what on earth is
happening to really good dancing
these days, when we are dominated
by such queer importations from
darkie-land, says a Scottish paper
writer. High-brow dancing in-
structors say that "Jazz" is quite
out of date now, and that the
"Blues" will be all the rage. Morry
Blake introduced "Jazz" into the
hallroom and the cabaret. The
idea is that it is a sad, faraway,
lingering, "I-want-my-mam and
the roses-round-the-door" sort of
step, while the orchestra, moans
morbidly like a dying seagull. But
what is really amazing is that this
dance has for generations been
popular with the Southern State
"darkies," and it is said that it was
copied by them from the de-
generate dance of the Vahdoe
posturers of the Cuban forests.
Some hostesses, at the risk of being
called "old-fashioned," are sighing
for a return of some of the decent,
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BIRTHS.

SHARD.—On August 25, 1923, at Chio, to the wife of G. E. Shard, a daughter.

GODFREY.—On August 27, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Godfrey, at New Milton, Hants, a daughter.

DEATHS.

HARRISON.—On July 17, 1923, at Bradford, England, G. F. L. Harrison, of Shanghai, son of F. D. Harrison, after brief illness.

GREEN.—Through exposure, at sea, Arthur Harvey Green, Chief Engineer of the British steamer "Mylie," which foundered off the North Saddle at 9 p.m., during the typhoon of August 23, 1923.

BEESLEY.—On August 30, 1923, at Kuling, Lavinia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beesley, of Shanghai.

JEFFREY.—In New York on 3rd September, J. A. Jeffrey, Agent, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, New York.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5, 1923.

BUSINESS.

A private letter just to hand suggests that business as run at present is immoral and degrading. Napoleon is believed to have observed that a good man made a bad soldier, the suggestion being that a good man can never be a good business man. These are arresting statements with a vast substratum of truth about them. They have coincided with a reading and consideration of the Hon. Attorney General's speech in the Legislative Council in introducing a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to prevent certain fraudulent transfers of businesses," and to the correspondence which apparently led to the introduction of the proposed Ordinance and which is contained in the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce Report for 1922 on page 230 and onwards, the matter being introduced by the "Princely House"

—Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Briefly, the contention is that in many cases, where Chinese firms have made contracts which tend to turn out unprofitable "they fraudulently transfer their goodwill and assets to a new concern, excluding their liabilities, the old concern then ceasing to exist and the traders with whom the old concern contracted being left with the unprofitable contracts on their hands and no practical mode of redress." In reading through this correspondence certain seeming facts are brought to notice. The accusation made is not denied: it is proved by at least two concrete examples. The suggestion for the proposed legislation meets with the hearty approval of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. That being a fact it is right to assume that members of the Chinese Chamber are not fraudulent traders and are in favour of observing the strict letter of their contracts. Further it must be observed that the Government has hesitated long in arriving at its decision to introduce legislation which in Kemp-like manner it describes as "of a somewhat exceptional character," but which from the seeming simplicity of its proposals are likely to be successful and lead to business being done without the nervous tremors which very often attack one of the parties to a contract. Having reached that stage we might well leave it there, but there is one further thought that occurs to us in dealing with the subject. Is the proposed legislation so much a matter of protecting the foreign trader as it is of protecting his Compradore? Are there any business members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce carrying on business without the help of the irrepressible Compradore? We think there are none. The functions of a Compradore so far as we understand that gentleman's position, is not merely to introduce business, but to guarantee to his principals the purchaser he introduces; that when he puts his signature or chop on any contract made, the foreign merchant may sleep peacefully under his mosquito

curtain, knowing that as his Compradore can do no wrong God's in his heaven, and all's right in his business world, and if it is not, the Compradore's Security is all sufficient. This is probably splitting hairs and stating the case crudely, and bluntly, if truthfully. We cannot imagine any firm doing business with mushroom concerns, and as unstable in structure as a mushroom is credibly stated to be, without the guarantee of an accredited agent who is able to back up that guarantee in making good any loss that occurs in the manner specified. We do believe that there are Compradores, willing to "take a chance" for the sake of a possible gain, and to chop the contract of a purchaser they are not sure about, who, in the event of their client absconding, or selling out, come along with a plausible tale to their principals and expect them to be the sufferers. This class of person is not deserving of legislation "of an exceptional character," nor is the merchant, consignor of the risk he is taking, also in need of consideration. We need good men in business—men who make contracts and abide by them. The redeeming feature of this proposed legislation, we repeat, is the fact that it has the approval of the Chinese Chamber. If the Ordinance when enacted does not remedy the evil, then the slogan must be "cash with order." Those who know the present stagnation in trade, and the cut-throat competition that some traders are capable of initiating, will doubtless smile at the suggestion. Very well then let us pray, and pray hard, for the "good man" in business. So few there are: they are either in Paradise, or the Chinese equivalent, or pertinaciously purchasing property, on which values do not fluctuate, except in a heavenward direction, and which is not affected by such a mundane matter, as that of exchange, unless it be the quick one of exchange at a higher figure. The Bible has a good word to say for the man diligent in business. He is to stand before Kings. The bad ones stand not upon the order of their going—they abscond. Is not the whole trouble the Wallingfordian one of getting rich quickly?

Vaccinationators, and Bishops.

The speech of the Hon. Attorney General in outlining the New Vaccination Ordinance does not seem to have created a great stir. One local medico was moved to address letters to two of our contemporaries on some aspects of the speech, but as he did not send one to the China Mail he has only himself to blame if his letter remains "unhonoured and unused." The speech in question is extraordinarily interesting, and should be to all those who have not merely undergone the scraping at the hands of the blade of a vaccinator, but those who may be said to take an interest in the work and functions of a Government. In this connection Mr. Kemp who ought to know lays it down that "the object of a State is not to make money," which may or may not interest our Socialist friends. That being so it is not surprising that a new and terrible set of officials are to be added to the many who by a strange paradox of words are dubbed Civil Servants. There is to be a "Superintendent of Vaccination and his deputies," and these are specified into Superintendent, deputy superintendents, public vaccinators, vaccination stations, quarantine stations, and also emergency vaccinators. Armed Vaccinators who issue certificates are to satisfy themselves "by personal inspection that the operation was successful." This needs elucidation. When can a vaccination operation said to be successful? We seek enlightenment and in memory of the many times we have been punctured and the beastly thing hasn't taken! In the main it seems that the New Vaccination Ordinance is aimed primarily at the emigrant and also at the poor devils in "reformatories, industrial schools, prisons and other institutions," but there is a clause to the effect that "every child born in the Colony must be vaccinated within six months of birth," whilst children brought into the Colony must be vaccinated within one month of arrival here. As the class of child is not specified, it must be taken to include the children of the foreigner, as well as those of Chinese parents. If that is so what is the position of the conscientious objector to vaccination in the person of the parent or the guardian as clause 26 fixes the general penalty for offences against the Ordinance at \$250 and imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months? A little

light on this aspect of the matter would be welcome. The word Bishops at the head of this comment needs explaining, but as we have exceeded our allotted space and our vaccinated arm (we always have it done on the arm) is causing us a little discomfort, we must return to Vaccination and Bishops on another occasion.

Today's Poem.

(Malher.)
A halo such as thine.
From Life's effulgent page:
Like mellowness of wine—
Bears quill and age.

"Thy loving gentleness,
A living song divine:
But angels may possess—
A halo such as thine."

—JONAS KYOTO.

1923.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 5.—Coronet Theatre; Mary Pickford in "Polyanna."
September 5.—Star Theatre; "Lahoma."
September 5.—World Theatre; Constance Binney in "The Sleep Walker;" The New Leather Pushers, Round 12.
September 7—8.—Theatre Royal; Tina Gerald and Tom Fenwick in a repertoire of Original one-act plays.

SOCIAL.
September 8.—Grand Casino Dinner Dansant at the reopening of Repulse Bay Hotel.

AUCTIONS.
September 6.—Lammert Bros., at Kowloon-Canton Railway, Loconotive Yard, Hungghom, (Kowloon), a quantity of miscellaneous stores, 11 a.m.
September 6.—Lammert Bros., on board lighter alongside Yuen On wharf, a quantity of prepared tobacco leaf and sundries (more or less damaged by sea-water), 3 p.m.

September 7.—Lammert Bros., at No. 49 Godown, Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Kowloon, 76 bags of flour, 10.30 a.m.
September 7.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, the S. L. "Atalanta" as she now lies in Hungghom Bay, at Noon.

September 11.—Lammert Bros., at the premises of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited (Hungghom), 4 furnaces ex s.s. "Nile" 12.15 p.m.

MEETINGS.
September 11.—Informal meeting of all Brother Buffs at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, 9.30 p.m.
December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Streets in the Sheklung city are still flooded. The water is several feet deep and sampans are used to convey pedestrians from one street to another.

The backreach of the Canton River which was yesterday reported to have been completely blocked by the stranding of the Japanese freighter s.s. "Ryushu Maru" is now stated to be clear for traffic.

The manager of the Kwangtung Tramway Co., has petitioned the Canton government for resumption of their motor bus service, which was recently prohibited on account of serious damage to the roads in the city says the Canton Daily News.

The Chinese plumber charged with the larceny of some wire netting from the Taikeo Docks and secreting it in a side-car owned by Mr. J. Russell, was this morning sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. J. R. Wood.

Valuable to the extent of \$334.50 have been recovered by the police in connection with the armed robbery yesterday morning on the house in Nathan Road occupied by a Chinese clerk in the railway. Two of the four robbers were intercepted and a number of shots were exchanged but the miscreants got away when near King's Park.

A shock was caused to Tientsin on Friday night, says the N. C. Daily Mail, when it became known that Mr. William Henry Hunt had shot himself at Peltah, while in a state of mental depression. Mr. Hunt was a member and for some years past a partner in the firm of William Forbes and Co., which he joined on coming to China in 1896. To the general public he was best known in connection with racing. Twenty years ago he was one of the most accomplished and successful riders on the Tientsin course, having such champions as Mr. James Watts, C.M.G., and Mr. Anderson as rivals. In twenty years he had a good measure of success as an owner.

RECENT HONGKONG FLOODS.



PHOTO A. FONG.

This picture taken in Wong-mei-chong after the recent heavy rains will give Hongkong people an idea of what the damage must be like in Japan.



PHOTO A. FONG.

Happy Valley's miniature Niagara after last week's heavy rains.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION.

LONDON, Aug. 29.
Aston Villa 2; Manchester City, 0.
Liverpool, 6; Birmingham, 2.
Middlesbrough, 2; Notts County, 3.
Newcastle United, 2; Blackburn Rovers, 1.—*Reuter.*

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sub-Lieutenant P. G. Agnew has been posted to the sloop "Bluebell" on the China Station.

The engagement is announced of the Earl of Haddington to Miss Sarah Cook, daughter of Mr. George W. Cook, of Montreal, and sister of Lady Minto.

Straits papers announce the death in the European Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, of Mrs. A. H. Carson, wife of Mr. A. H. Carson, assistant telegraph engineer, Posts and Telegraphs, F. M. S.

Mr. R. B. Osborne, formerly private secretary to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir Laurence Guillemard, has been given an appointment in the Malay States Agency, London.

The Straits Times records the death of Mrs. McIntyre, wife of Mr. H. C. McIntyre, headmaster, Government English School, Labuan, which took place at her residence, 1, Kampong Parit Street, on August 17.

The Earl of Gosford, of the British-American Tobacco Company, and Mr. H. A. Poole, of the Standard Oil Company of New York, Mukden accompanied by Mr. P. H. Milard, arrived at Dairen recently.

In mail week, Captain C. S. Benning, D.S.C., lately commanding the Fourth Submarine Flotilla on the China Station, joined the staff of the "Dolphin" submarine depot ship at Portsmouth.

In the chapel of Lambeth Palace on July 25 the Ven. John Holden, M.A., Archdeacon of Kwangsi, was consecrated as Bishop of Kwangsi and Hunan, in succession to Bishop Banister. The ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by three assistant Bishops. The sermon was preached by the Rev. O. R. M. Roxby, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Harpenden, who said that China was searching for its soul. A great responsibility rested on the new Bishop, but there was no higher task for any man than to help to form and build up an infant branch of the Church.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WATER RESTRICTIONS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—With our former P.W.D. Director, Mr. Perkins gone away, our present director must have gone off his head by springing a nasty surprise to us to-day when we found that our water supply has been cut off. I learnt from your esteemed paper that one of the reservoirs has been damaged, and that it is necessary to cut down our water supply for the time being, but certainly it would be very much wiser for our Mr. Creasy to give us some notice so that we may be prepared to face the restrictions, than to cut off our supply unexpectedly and allow us to face the devil. I may mention that I had scarcely water enough to have my "chow" cooked to-night and had to go to bed without even washing my face, all through the clever action of our Mr. Creasy.

Thanking you for the courtesy to insert the above in your paper, and remain,

Yours Sincerely,

SURPRISED.

Hongkong, September 4.
[The Hon. the D.P.W. is no way to blame. The restrictions now in force could not be avoided. ED.—China Mail.]

MODERN DANCES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I am very glad to note that there is a movement here at present against the modern dances, initiated by our senior catholic magazine *Religio e Patria* who, with the aid of various members of different Catholic Associations in Hongkong, has sent a petition to His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni asking him to use his authority and influence to stop these dances in a place which bears a catholic name.

Some people consider that there is nothing objectionable to the dances themselves, but to the way of dancing; it is however rather difficult to differentiate them, and even if a rule can be drawn up it is certainly open to be disregarded. Other people of broad ideas, think that as the dances are allowed everywhere—in the clubs, hotels, cafes, private residences, etc.—there is no harm in accepting them as good. Certainly this is not the way to form our judgment; we must not follow what the others do, but we ought to do according to the dictate of our own consciences.

I remember I had an occasion some time ago to be present at one of these exotic dances *fool trot* and I was so struck with horror seeing the movements, close proximity, face to face, added by the

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The holders of the following theatre programmes are requested to forward them to the China Mail office when coupons to the value of \$5 will be issued which may be changed for goods to the same value with any of the advertisers in the China Mail.

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Patrons of the three Cinema Theatres, the Coronet, Star and World are advised to retain their programmes and study the number to be found on the front page.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. A. JEFFREY.

The flag over the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was lowered, to half-mast this morning in consequence of the receipt of a cable from New York, announcing the death there of Mr. J. A. Jeffrey, the Bank's Agent.

By the death of Mr. Jeffrey, who was 62 years of age, the Bank has lost an exceptionally valuable official, who had been with them for over 40 years. "The late Mr. Jeffrey," said a Bank official this morning, "was a remarkably able banker, who had been in charge of the very important interests of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in New York for the past 5 years."

Mr. Jeffrey had served most of his time in Japan and was last in Hongkong in 1910. In his younger days he was a fine sportsman and represented both Kobe and Yokohama in interport regattas. There are many people in the East, especially in Japan who will learn with regret of Mr. Jeffrey's death on the eve of his retirement.

semi-nude dresses of the ladies that I had to abandon the hall immediately.

In olden times dance followed the rules of art and was beautiful and dignified, now it is degrading, luxurious, immoral and the cause of many misfortunes and crimes!

Thanking you for the insertion of these lines.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A PATERNALIST.

Hongkong, (September 5.

EUROPE'S CRISIS.

MUSOLINI AND THE LEAGUE.

THREAT TO WITHDRAW.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

ROME, September 4. At a Cabinet meeting Signor Mussolini declared that it was absolutely inadmissible that the League of Nations should undertake the settlement of the Italo-Greek dispute. The Italian delegation at to-morrow's meeting of the Council of the League would maintain that the League was absolutely incompetent to judge a question which was outside the clause invoked by Greece. Should the Council nevertheless assert its competency Italy would solve the problem by withdrawing from the League.

Referring to foreign comments Signor Mussolini remarked: "Italian public opinion is doubtless profoundly surprised and grieved by the attitude of such a large section of the British press. Hope this burning lesson in political realism will decisively cure Italy of the malady of conventional phrases."

LEAGUE ADJOURNS.

GENEVA, September 4. The Council of the League of Nations adjourned further examination of the Italo-Greek conflict until to-morrow at the request of Signor Salandra, pending the return of Signor Giurati, who is expected today from Rome with fresh instructions.

LEAGUE INTERVENTION.

GREEK DELEGATE'S PROPOSALS.

GENEVA, September 5. The Council of the League has issued a statement contending that the Military Governor of Corfu is responsible for the deaths of the innocent victims because the casualties occurred within the fortress where troops were reported killed and the Governor had declared he would resist the landing force and had been warned that fire would be directed at the military objectives. Lord Robert Cecil's insistence on the Greek delegate M. Politis being heard led to Italian protests. M. Politis was finally allowed to submit written proposals, namely that Council should appoint one or more neutral representatives to superintend the judicial enquiry and trial of the accused, and assist the Commission of Enquiry. The Council should also instruct a commission to be composed of one Greek, one Italian and one neutral judicial authorities to meet as soon as possible at Geneva with a view to deciding the amount of the indemnities to be paid to the families of victims. The Greek Government is depositing forthwith in the Swiss Bank 50,000,000 Italian lire as a guarantee of immediate payment of whatever indemnities are fixed. The feeling in League circles is much easier in consequence of M. Politis' proposals.

COUNTY CRICKET.

COMPETITION COMPLETED.

SEASON'S LAST MATCHES.

LONDON, September 4. Sussex secured a lead on the first innings over Warwickshire at Brighton. Sussex's scores were 181 and 283 the amateur A. J. Holmes compiling an innings of 103. Warwickshire were dismissed once for 157, A. E. Gilligan obtaining 4 wickets for 32 and Bowley 4 for 20.

At Taunton, Yorkshire defeated Somerset by seven wickets. Somerset's first innings realised 134, Young being responsible for 65. Macaulay taking 4 wickets for 47 and Kilner (Roy) 4 for 40. The second innings added 124 runs, Macaulay this time bagging 5 wickets for 65 and Kilner (Roy) 3 for 20.

Hampshire, at Cardiff led Glamorgan on the first innings. Brown (Hunt) knocked up 120.

FINAL POSITIONS.

The final positions in county cricket championship are as follows:—		
Yorkshire	85.80 per cent.	
Nottingham	68.00	
Lancashire	60.00	
Surrey	58.26	
Kent	55.55	
Sussex	52.66	
Hampshire	45.92	
Middlesex	40.90	

The first eight counties last year were:—
Yorkshire 73.70; Nottingham 71.53; Surrey 66.05; Kent 63.70; Lancashire 56.42; Hampshire 54.61; Middlesex 50.90; Essex 42.77.
Since the War the championship has been won by:—1919—Yorkshire, 1920—Middlesex, 1921—Middlesex, 1922—Yorkshire.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

GENEVA, September 4. The Assembly of the League of Nations elected M. Motta of Switzerland, Chairman of the Committee on legal questions instead of Signor Scialoja, last year's Chairman. This is regarded as a demonstration against Mussolini's attitude in the present conflict. The six Vice-presidents elected include Lord Robert Cecil, Viscount Ishii and M. Hanotaux. Lord Robert Cecil received 42 out of 44 votes.

TRIPOLI TROUBLE.

ITALIANS REPULSE REBELS.

ROME, September 4. A message from Tripoli says that fifty rebels were killed on August 31 in an encounter with Italian native troops southeast of Iltenev-mehalla. The rebels fled, fifty or more of them being killed or wounded.

RUSSIA'S HARVEST.

GRAIN EXPORTS BANNED.

HELSINGFORS, September 4. The semi-official announcement from Moscow that it has been decided to prohibit all export of grain is considered as surprising in view of previous statements that large quantities of grain had already been collected at various ports. It is stated that the harvest in Northern and Central Russia will be late.

MARKS STILL PLUNGING.

LONDON, September 4. Marks slumped to seventy millions.

LOCAL APPEAL.

HELP APPRECIATED.

The following telegram was received yesterday by Messrs. Arnhold and Company, agents for the Colombia Pacific Shipping Company:—

"The American Association of Kobe earnestly appeal to the Americans of Hongkong to assist in raising relief funds for thousands of destitute in Yokohama and Tokyo."

(Signed) J. F. BUCKLEY,
Vice-President.

Consul General W. H. Gale and Mr. W. B. Walker have signed the appeal for funds and Mr. F. D. Tracy, of the Hongkong office of the Standard Oil Company of New

York, has agreed to act as Treasurer of the Fund. Subscriptions should be made payable to him. Nearly \$2,000 has already been remitted, and it is hoped that those who have not assisted will give their support to the Fund. While the appeal has been made to the Americans of Hongkong, the Committee will gratefully receive subscriptions from others and forward same.

In the Hongkong Water Polo League yesterday, the King's first team defeated the Lusitano Club by 3 goals to nil. Profit scored twice and Paul once. The V.R.C. first string, vanquished the junior seven by 12 goals to two. The V.R.C. scored both goals for the losers. For the winners Lyon and Buschert each obtained five goals and Stewart two.

KNOTTY POINT.

RENTS LAW DISPUTE.

"GETTING OUTSIDE THE ORDINANCE?"

Another knotty point arising under the Rents Ordinance was argued out before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court this morning.

According to the facts outlined by Mr. M. M. Watson (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) in support of a claim for possession of the ground floor of No. 8 Wing Lok Street and mesne profits, the plaintiff, a Chinese business man, bought the whole of the premises for \$41,000. Under a clause of the sale agreement the vendor agreed to remain on as tenant and give up possession by a certain date now passed and this was done. After the signing of the agreement, however, the Ching Cat bank came in as sub-tenants of the vendor and remained in possession of the ground floor after the vendor himself had gone out. It was against the bank that Mr. Watson claimed an order for possession.

Mr. Watson contended that the vendor had agreed to give "vacant" possession. It was admitted, he said, that the reason why the plaintiff bought the premises was that he required "vacant" possession in order to use the premises himself and that was the sole reason why the clause requiring him to give up possession by a certain date was put in. The object was, Mr. Watson admitted, to get outside the Rents Ordinance.

Mr. Watson's next point was that if he would have been entitled to an order against the vendor if the latter were still there he was equally entitled to a similar order against the defendants. He explained that the plaintiffs wanted the premises in order to form a bank and paying \$41,000 for something he had not got was serious prejudice. "I have now," declared Mr. Watson, "got something I do not want. I have got a house full of a lot of tenants I don't want instead of a vacant one."

It was clear common law, contended Mr. Watson at the conclusion of his argument, that the determination of the tenancy as regards the landlord was also the determination of the sub-tenancies. The defendants had not, he argued, become a statutory tenant of the landlord under the statute and the plaintiff was therefore entitled to recover possession.

For the defence Mr. M. K. Lo argued that the only reason Mr. Watson could give for turning out the defendants was the agreement which, at the time, was not given by a tenant at all. At the time the agreement was made vendor and purchaser had not, he pointed out, entered into the relationship of landlord and tenant. "All the practitioners in this Colony know," said Mr. Lo, "that in entering into an agreement of this kind the enforceability of it, having regard to the Rents Ordinance, is to put it mildly, absolutely questionable." Argument was continued this afternoon.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
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Hongkong, 4th September, 1923.

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PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
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Hongkong, 5th September, 1923.

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Hongkong, 4th September, 1923

NOTICE.

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J. M. GUTIERREZ, JR.,
D. A. CALDWELL,
LAM TONG.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1923.

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J. M. GUTIERREZ, JR.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1923.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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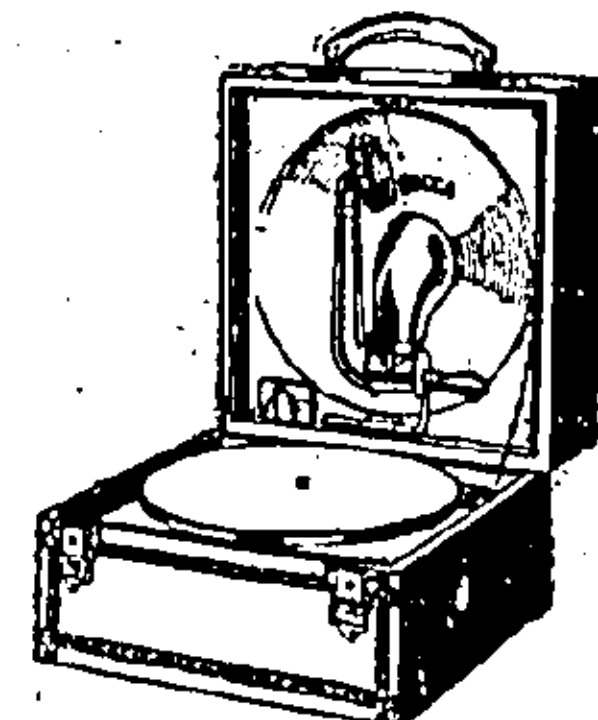


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THE DRAFT BILL.

We have received from the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce the following notes with reference to the Bill entitled the "Fraudulent Transfers of Business Ordinance, 1923," which is being introduced into the Legislative Council by the Attorney General to-morrow.

Many instances of the form of fraud complained of were brought to the notice of the Chamber early in 1922. Representations were made to the Government in June, 1922, in the course of which it was suggested that drastic legislation was warranted in view of the extent of the practice which had grown up of transferring business assets with out liabilities; also having regard to Hongkong's peculiar position on the borders of China.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce was invited to join in these representations to the Government and in a letter dated 12th July, 1922, the Secretary of the Chinese Chamber wrote: "I am to state that this Chamber gives its wholehearted support to the efforts being made by your Chamber with a view to suppressing the evil."

In a further letter, addressed to the Colonial Secretary on the 20th July, 1922, the Chinese Chamber expressed the opinion that "legislation in some form would appear to be not only desirable but even necessary to control the growing practice of transferring the good-will and assets of Chinese businesses to new concerns without transferring their liabilities."

A draft Bill was then drawn up by the General Chamber's Legal Sub-Committee and further negotiations led, at length, to the formulation of a Bill on the terms of which both Chambers were unanimous.

The following correspondence has recently passed:—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, July 20, 1923.

Sir,—With further reference to your letter No. 3500/1922 of 17th November, 1922, and previous correspondence on the subject of the alleged fraudulent transfers of Chinese businesses, I have the honour to state that very careful consideration has been given to the criticisms of the Chamber's proposals by the Hon. Attorney General, who has since rendered great assistance to the Legal Sub-Committee of the Chamber in drafting a Bill to meet the evils complained of.

The draft Bill has been submitted to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and, in order to secure unanimity on a question on which legislation appears urgently necessary, various amendments suggested by the Chinese Chamber have been incorporated.

I enclose a copy of the draft Bill in its final form. My Committee hopes that the Government will see its way to the early introduction of legislation on these lines, in order that grave abuses of commercial practice and morality may be checked.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SD) D. K. BLAIR.

Secretary.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,

Hongkong, July 23, 1923.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1923.

The Secretary,

Chinese Chamber of Commerce,

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MOTOR SCUFFLE.

CHAUFFEUR v. FITTER.

Mr. H. A. Lammer's chauffeur was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with cutting and mauling the No. 1 fitter of the Exile Garage, Praya East.

It was alleged by the prosecution that defendant went to the garage on Saturday. On finding that some repairs had not been effected he is alleged to have started a row and later on, to have taken out a dagger from the car with which he slightly wounded the complainant.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster, appearing for the defence, discredited the evidence for the prosecution, describing it as "cut and dried" and agreeing in most respects as the result of the witnesses having been together for several days. He thought it was probable that there had been a fight in which the parties had struck one another and complainant's subordinates had come to his help with hammers and iron rods.

The case was remanded.

B.A.T. SCHOLARSHIPS.

CHINESE GRADUATES RETURN.

Two of the four Chinese students who proceeded to Columbia University, New York, on four-year scholarships, provided by the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., have returned to the Colony with degrees in Economics and Science says the *Lat Pau* Kwoing Po.

KARUIZAWA SAFE.

An Osaka message to the *Daily Bulletin* reads:

A Briton who has just returned from Karuizawa says that the earthquake was comparatively mild there. It is believed that all the foreigners there are safe. The foreigners at Kobe are despatching aid to foreign sufferers at Yokohama and Hakone.

The suggested amendments which accompanied your letter of the 26th April, have now been thoroughly considered by this Chamber and its Legal Sub-Committee.

In order to secure unanimity amongst all sections of the business community in support of the measure, this Chamber has accepted all the suggested amendments, though in some cases the original form of the draft Bill was preferred.

It is hoped that both Chambers may continue in full co-operation on this question until the proposed Bill finds a place among the Ordinances of the Colony.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) D. K. BLAIR,

Secretary.

Enclosure:—Copy of Amended draft Bill.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1923.

The Secretary,

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,

Hongkong.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge with

thanks your letter of 23rd instant

enclosing copy of proposed draft

Bill, amended in accordance with

this Chamber's suggestions, re-

lating to fraudulent transfers of

businesses.

I am directed to thank your Cham-

ber for meeting this Chamber in

the matter of the amendments, and

to assure your Chamber that this

Chamber will gladly co-operate

with your Chamber with the view

to securing the passage of the Bill

to an Ordinance of the Colony.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(SD) IP LAN CHEUNG.

Secretary.

It may be mentioned that the

Attorney-General (whose assist-

ance during the time that the sub-

ject was under consideration was

invaluable to the Chamber) has

adopted the draft Bill in its entirety

and the measure to be brought be-

fore the Council to-morrow.

JAPAN CALAMITY.

LOCAL CHAMBER'S SYMPATHY.

The following letter has been addressed to the Consul General for Japan by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Sir, I have the honour to inform you that at a Special Meeting of the Committee of this Chamber held to-day, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"This Chamber learns with sincere regret of the disastrous calamity which has overtaken the cities of Tokyo, Yokohama and surrounding district and I am instructed to express its profound sympathy with the Japanese and Foreign Communities in the dreadful loss of life and damage to property."

I am to add that this Chamber will be pleased to render any practical assistance for relief of the sufferers that may suggest itself to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) D. G. M. Bernard,

Chairman.

S. Takahashi, Esq.,

Consul-General for Japan,

Hongkong,

Hongkong, September 4, 1923.

THE CORONET.

POLLYANNA.

Mary Pickford is appearing at the Coronet until Saturday in "Pollyanna," a production which, besides its splendid acting, forcibly illustrates the wonderful effects of the good old motto, "Keep on smiling."

Miss Pickford has one of those child's parts in which she always excels. As Pollyanna, the little girl desired by her beloved father on his death-bed to keep cheerful and helpful to others, she shows her art at its very best.

The story is not at all sensational, in fact, it is very simply told, and is essentially one of every-day. Pollyanna could captivate anybody but her hard-hearted old aunt. No amount of persuasion or charm seemed to melt the old lady's frozen attitude to her niece. But when Pollyanna, playing in the village street, was run over by a motor-car, the aunt realised how much she loved the girl, after all. The piece ends on a note of tenderness and rest.

Mary Pickford is too well known to call for undue comment—she is as wonderful as ever, and supported by an exceptional cast of specially chosen people.

The story is so slight it might easily be spoiled by inferior presentation, but in the hands of the artistes in this production it becomes one of rare appeal.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Hok Canton, (Hong On) from Kwong Chow Wan.—Co's Wharf. Meriones, (B. & S.) from Singapore, Holt's Wharf. Elverice, (Bank Line) from Manila.—Lai Chi Kok. Nipise, (Grimble) from Manila. Off Stonecutters.

Shantung, (B. & S.) from Swatow.—B2.

Belton, (J. C. J. L.) from Samarang.—A5.

Van Cloon, (J. C. J. L.) from Swatow.—A10.

Trieste, (Dodwell) from Shanghai.—A6.

Bandoeng Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Moji.—B26.

DEPARTURES.

Shidzuoka Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Shanghai.—September 5.

Kojun Maru, (M.B.K.) for Tsing-tao.—September 5.

Nanchang, (B. & S.) for Hai-phong.—September 5.

Meriones, (B. & S.) for Moji.—September 5.

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PROPERTY MARKET.

EXPERT'S VIEWS.

NO SLUMP.

Interviewed yesterday as to the position of the Hongkong property market, one of the leading European property experts said emphatically, "There is no likelihood of an immediate slump." He qualified this by saying that there would surely be no drop in prices for property on the island as there was only a limited supply of land. The banks, the European and Chinese hong and the river steamers were all established on this side of the Colony and it would remain, essentially, the centre. If Hongkong property prices slumped, pointed out the expert, people who lived in Kowloon and the Territories, would move across to the island. They did not want to be away from the business centre but travelled the long distances daily because they had no compensation. As soon as it would pay them to live on the island a demand would again be created and prices would go up again.

Viewed from every standpoint, the expert said he could arrive at no other conclusion. It was all very well to talk about the 40 years' lease scheme but the land is not available yet. Even if land was forthcoming transportation and communications would have to be established. Moreover, it was pointed out, the erection of a block of houses would take at least twelve to eighteen months and there was also the question of skilled labour to consider.

Asked to explain the rumour that Chinese banks had brought about a panic in the property market, our interviewee began by saying that the native banks had on their hands large numbers of shares bringing them in about 5 per cent per annum. If they bought more shares their return would be still further reduced to about 3 per cent. They were not dabbling in shares at the moment and their attention was therefore diverted to mortgages on property. Depositors in native banks had to be satisfied with about seven to nine per cent per annum on their money and the bankers had naturally, to look for fresh income. The expert said that it was well-known that a circular letter had been issued among the native banks which in reality meant combining to get higher rates of interest on mortgages. One of the alleged proposals was that a minimum of 12 per mille per month would be charged on new and renewed mortgages of property in Kowloon and the mainland, while as much as 15 per mille would be charged on less desirable property. Instead of advancing about 80 per cent on the intrinsic values, they would only lend about 60 per cent.

It was mentioned that the majority of holders of land in Kowloon bringing in no revenue, were mostly people of the official class or those who had come by "easy money." Punjab Buildings and Lot 116 were given as examples of property held by ex-officials or their agents. "Wiser people," continued the expert, "were not saddled with empty land. They had paid higher prices for real estate which brought in revenue and there was the additional advantage that members of syndicates could carve out blocks for their own use."

Returning to the question of property on the island, the sale of 40,000 square feet on the other side of Bowrington Canal at \$12.50 per square foot to Chinese gentlemen who had devoted a lifetime to the property market, was mentioned as pointing to there still being a keen demand for real estate. Another transaction referred to was the sale of 28,000 square feet at Bonham Road, comprising one house and a tennis court at \$11.50 per square foot.

Speaking of the Rents Restriction Ordinance, the expert said that most people could still remain in their homes at standard rents but as soon as the law was removed "unrestricted manipulating" would begin. However, he concluded it was not remunerative to pull down some blocks and rebuild them as they were bringing in high returns.

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CHINESE CHAMBER.

JAPAN'S DISASTER.

ARMS ORDINANCE.

LABOUR MATTERS.

Members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Committee stood up in silence for a few moments at the meeting yesterday in response to a request by the Chairman, Mr. Li Po kwai, for an expression of sympathy for the relatives of those who had perished in the Japan disaster.

Following a suggestion by the Hon. Mr. E. H. Kowall, it was decided that Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Chinese Consuls all over the world, be advised of the new Arms Ordinance, to deter Chinese from bringing arms into the Colony.

The coopers' wage dispute was referred to, the masters having asked the Chamber to mediate. It was stated by Mr. Ip Lan-chuen that a deadlock had been reached on account of the excessive demand of the workers. The men asked that their pay be raised from 30 cents to 70 cents a day, an increase which the employers could not give as they considered such a demand unreasonable and outrageous. In view of the inflexible mood of the employers he (Mr. Ip Lan-chuen) explained to the workers that if they persisted in their demand mediation on the part of the Chamber would be only a waste of time. The tub and barrel makers agreed to consider a modification of their application.

A decision was made to "pigeon-hole" a letter from a Chinese resident advocating life-saving scheme during typhoons, as the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock's suggestions in the Council had been discouraged.

As the result of a discussion regarding difficulties encountered by fire-wood merchants on Chinese waterways, the Chairman asked the meeting whether, in view of the irregular supplies of firewood from the West River and the steadily increasing prices, the Government should be asked to help in maintaining regular shipments to Hongkong for the benefit of the Chinese community? It was decided that action be deferred for a while.

A local firewood dealer who had his stocks and junks "commandeered" at Kowloon and then taken to Macao, was advised to report to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

WARDER CRAIGIE'S FUNERAL.

The funeral took place yesterday of Warder C. B. Craigie who died on Monday as the result of falling from the second floor verandah of the Warder Mess in Wyndham Street in the small hours of the night.

A contingent comprising practically every available European member of the Prison's staff and detachments of Sikh and Indian warders and guards lined up at the foot of Pottinger Street yesterday afternoon under command of Chief Warder A. G. Passmore. As the hearse passed, covered with wreaths, the detachment followed in fours. Further on the Band of the King's Regiment headed the procession. Members of the Police Force and a number of civilians also followed the cortege to the Protestant Cemetery where the service was conducted by the Rev. Copley Moyle.

Floral tributes were sent by:—R. W. M., Office Bearers and Brethren of Lodge "Albert," No. 488—S. C. Loches, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, E. A. S. M. A. 1914-1918, European Officers' Mess, Victoria Gaol, Dr. A. R. Esler, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod, Police Recreation Club, Royal Naval Dockyard Police, European Officers' Mess, Lai Chi Kok Branch Prison, Revenue Officers, Yau-mai Police Station, Shaikwan Police Station, Comrade, Riach and Harrison, A. G. Passmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West, Mr. and Mrs. R. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire, S. W. Cressley, F. Seaton, H. Merriman, Sub-Inspector Geo. Cockle, W. J. Bagley, W. Pritchard, W. Hill, Shepherd, Faice, H. Barrett, A. C. English, S. O'Donovan, W. F. Culver, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kelly, A. Friend, L. Whant, An Old School Pal, J. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudson, Fella, Foster, Sergt. S. Logan, Neal and Ryan, B. Plumb, J. Doe, Frank J. V. Jorge, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Calvert, Insp. and Mrs. J. Grant, Jack, R. J. Vosper, F. Fuggee, W. R. Dedear, G. Stevens, J. P. Stephens, H. Fuller, T. Williams, Bill and Sid, G. B. Foster, A. Jillett, F. Pragnell, Sikh Staff, Mohamedan Staff and Clerical Staff, Victoria Gaol.

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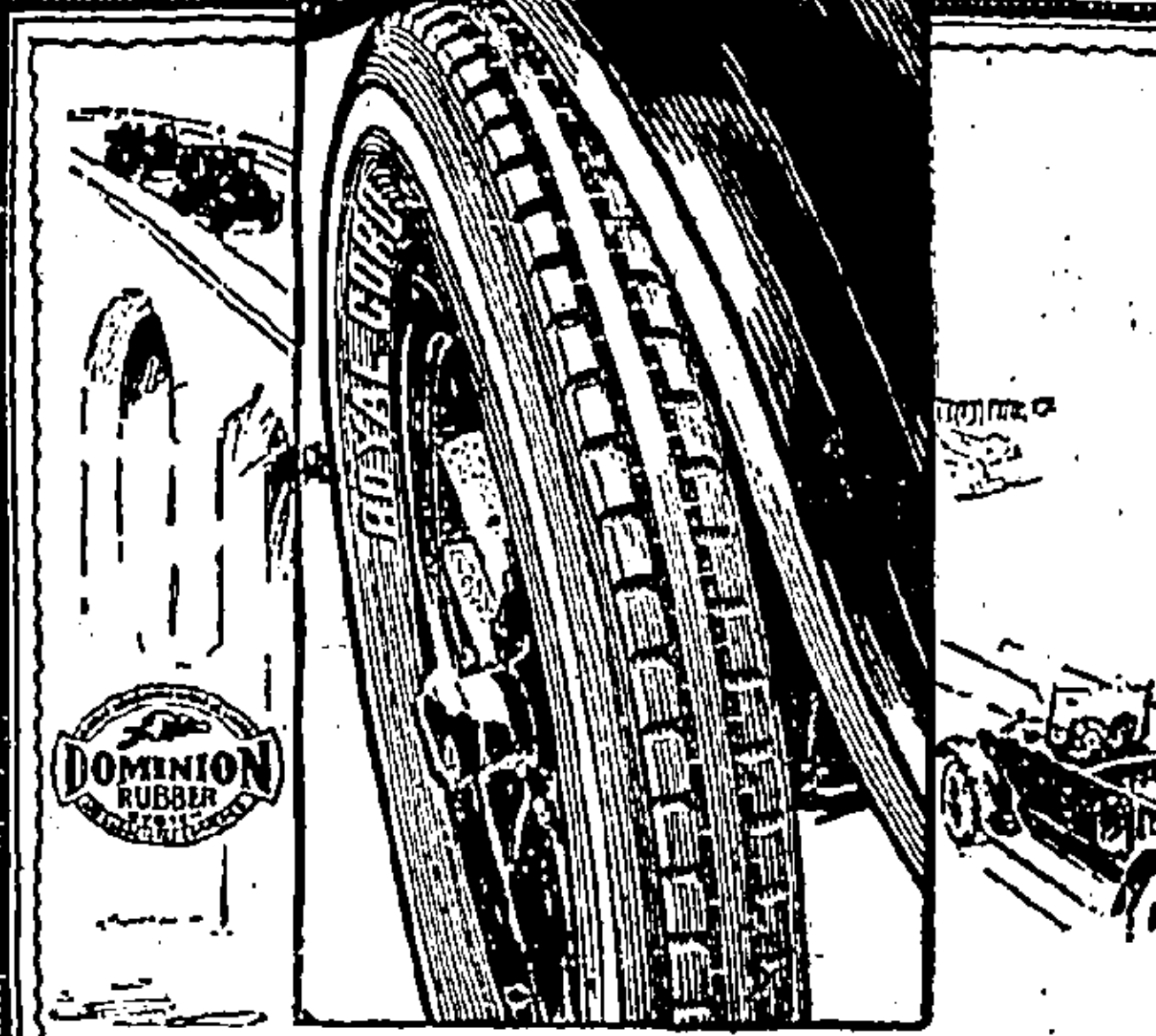
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CANTON DIARY

LIFE IN THE CITY OF RAMS.

BRAIN OF TERROR.

[Written specially for the China Mail, these notes have added interest since they come from a Cantonese unafraid to say what he really thinks.]

CANTON, August 26, 1923.

It was a great relief to get into one's home in these times of danger in this big city. I was indeed lightened after a long ride on a ricksha from the Hongkong and Canton S.S. wharf to my destination. What a comfort!

One may ask why it is that I felt so. When you have spent a few days in Hongkong where all sorts of rumours are in the air about the terrible conditions existing in Canton, you at once picture how men, policemen, and soldiers are corralled the people on the streets for the fighting zones and the sleepy soldiers sitting by the doors of the opium dens and gambling halls who are ready to drag you in for unknown purposes and the bandits on autos suddenly stop seizing you for far or near hiding places, for ransom and again as you are walking on your homeward way robbers halt you poking weapons at your side. And when you are even on board ship you also hear news of Canton which frightens you because men generally do give awful news to those who have not heard it before.

Well, I got out from the wharf into the street looking for a ricksha but in vain as there were none to be had until I had walked for some distance and even then when I at once jumped into one the coolie asked me where I wanted to go as they do not want to go to places where there is a danger of being taken by the soldiers and policemen for the front to be killed. How exasperating it is to have a coolie to quiz one so!

It is right for the ricksha men to ask such questions because they know that there are certain spots where Dr. Sun Yat-sen's orders are being obeyed in that men are needed for carrying things for the rotten soldiers and those above them to the battle lines where they are to be turned into soldiers for the danger zone. What a shame!

On our way in the ricksha we saw poor devils tied with ropes followed by a few poorly fed constables going to the police headquarters and another line in another street surrounded by the hunch-backed and bed-corn-like soldiers to their headquarters. Sometimes you will see the poor devils' wives following their husbands to the headquarters, weeping.

One is more willing to be captured by bandits and pirates than by these wolves about the city for then their families know that their loved ones have been captured whereas those in the city don't know what have become of their sons and husbands who are supposed to be out on the streets working for a few cents to buy food for their children and hungry mothers and wives. I could well have those high up in the Government service taken without their luxurious wives and children knowing anything of the matter.

There are fewer rickshas now just because the wolves are looking for the pullers and fewer poor looking leaders as well because they fear them too. Well, what has become of the poor old men? They stay in doors. Why don't they take the gamblers and the opium smokers? There are good reasons for this. Solve them yourselves if you can!

AUGUST 27TH.

A few reflections. What a queer world it would have been if the evil doers had not received their just rewards; we all would be cheaters and scoundrels and leaders and destroyers. There are gentlemen bandits and coolie ones; the former accomplish their jobs with assistants while the latter do them themselves but both will sooner or later fall into traps as we see and know and have known in our short life. I see now that some are in prison and others have fled to foreign parts to escape but however they will fall before their last fall into their close packed wooden box. I know a man in prison now in this city two months ago still "enjoying" the ringing of the chains about his ankles while some two years past he was enjoying a different ring, the sound of silver and gold coins both in Hongkong and Canton and Shanghai and elsewhere. I know men who have fled after they have heard some "pleasant" news that they were about to be taken. What conscience, have they?

Nine out of ten men don't know what the fight is between Dr. Sun and his enemies for at the present moment as they think that the one is just as bad as the other; both are wrong in their ideas and ideals for the happiness of the people who indeed want and demand silently that they both go to hades before they themselves depart thence. Now to have peace and order we must have a group of right men to control the Government and to hold the reins.

AUGUST 28TH.

One is always in danger no matter where he is, either in the house or on the street or in the offices and in the stores. The latest is that

some men wanted to rid the Prov. Treasurer the other night but they missed fire though they shot or wasted three bullets on their man who was walking homeward. What is the good to kill the Treasurer anyway? He has no money in his hip-pockets. Well, what is the use of killing the President of the United States? The commanders of the soldiers are quite wise as no one can get a shot at them for they are always being surrounded by soldiers even when they are enjoying a ride in an auto. These soldiers stand on the running boards, some sit on the front seats and some next to him so he is in a sense safe to us innocent pedestrians but he must feel very uneasy. We know that the occupant of that auto is a commander of soldiers as his bright uniform indicates that, but it is not ridiculous to see plain clothed men in autos also surrounded by those lanki soldiers who post themselves in the same way as those about the officers? It was amusing to see two years ago that grand old man, Ng Ting-fung, in his long Chinese gown of silk or skirt of linen surrounded in the same fashion wherever he went. May he rest in peace!

How many such autos do we see daily driven at an awful speed even in the most congested sections of the city? They are just drivers at a dead heat with soldiers pointing their Mausers at you as they pass so that you seem to have a feeling that they are about to shoot you. I have seen these cowardly men in khaki poking at people with their weapons because they can't get away from the roads quick enough. What if that Mauser happens to go off and the unfortunate man is lying on the road? Nothing. The chauffeur just puts some more power on his machine and all is so and so. Life is cheap in this land of rotten people to one another. Your life is nothing to me and vice versa, though the individual loves his own individual life too much. Look how cruelly the policemen beat the ricksha coolies on the Dual and yet see how these guardians of the city act when some soldiers, no matter how forlorn looking these defenders of their stomachs may look, beat at these blue coats. Hold your sides.

There are some coolies who boast their greatness and these are found on steamers at the wharves on their arrival. Oh, they certainly can put you all over with their demands as they know that you need them to convey your luggage; the fly-foot females how to seduce carriers in these Canton streets and lanes; the ricksha coolies and a few other classes of coolies are the real sufferers.

AUGUST 30TH.

The cost of things here is very high and even when one who has the cash to buy the articles of food can't get what he wants in many things particularly fishes these days. I was called to look at the fish stalls on one part of the new public market this afternoon as we wanted to see how much we could have for our supper. There was no fish to be had and the reason is that the Government has put a heavy tax on fish to raise money for the soldiers and officials. We don't know when we shall have fish again to grace our board. The vegetables and pork and frogs and shrimps seem to be sufficient for the public but they too were dear; the green string beans used to be very cheap but now they are 200 per cent. higher.

There is talk about closing all markets in order to rouse the opinion of the people versus the high-handedness of the trouble-makers who in reality hold their positions without the consent of the governed. Indeed there is great dissatisfaction in the city and there may be some terrible happenings suddenly burst forth against the unbecome despots.

It is a paradox to me that as I see how poor the people are and yet they just smother the lottery men everywhere about the city, to try their luck in getting rich quickly; women, servants and boys, and mendicants surround the lottery tables about the market places and temples and corners. We see women weeping because of their losses in these gambling tables; crying because they have lost money which was meant to buy food for their mistresses and masters. Such is life in this hellish land of disorder and corruption and dissipation.

AUGUST 31ST.

I took a friend to tea this morning at a tea house on Wai Oi Road, the West Garden. It is a nice place indeed and a fairly clean eating establishment, the best in the city, so far as I know with a well known dish, that of snake confection. It is a curious thing in Canton in that one place is known for a certain article of food. In the South Garden the preparations of macaroni are fine while in another place near it some European cooking like beef stews and beef fries are famous but I found that in the latter place the beef is too tough even for Europeans. They can't fool me in European dishes.

Well, I didn't take snakes for our steinachs' sake as we feared they might come to life again in the warm recesses of the human body but gave orders for some common things to

suit our palates. I recommend those who feel rheumatism to frequent this restaurant especially any Hongkongites who may happen to be in town for a cure.

After our short sojourn in this restful tea house we decided to take a walk about the north western section of the city via the old wall, the foot path of the Hill of the Goddess of Mercy and hence down to the old Double Gates. Just west of the West Garden we stopped at the Model Kindergarten of the city but to our greatest dismay and sorrow it has been converted into a gambling hell and a latrine. Farther on our way there was great excitement as there were few guardians of the peace and some boys and men running with guns and stones in their hands towards the Great North Gate.

After questioning a few people about the matter we were quite relieved at the fact that a highway robber was caught robbing the farmers and farmettes of their purses as they were on their way home after having disposed of their few chickens and ducks and geese. You could hear this and that group of people talking how bold those robbers were who in bright day light rob the poor farmers of their hard earnings and that it was right that the robber be shot. But it was a pity that only one was captured whereas there were four of them, two on guard duty and two did the releasing of the pockets.

The late heavy rain has caused the North Gate to slide and nearly block the passage; and if there comes another storm or heavy rainfall the whole thing will come down and if there happens that some unfortunate humans pass by they will need no burial ceremonies, thus they will save trouble and money for their relations. The Great President's palace is gone too at the foot of the Hill and so the No. 2 play ground of the Memorial Girls School of Jap-son. There is a large temple at the foot of this same Hill but we didn't enter to see how the wooden gods and goddesses fare in these troublesome periods of Kwangtung as there are many live devils and sleepy wretches and dirty fiends with rusty rifles standing on the doors to prevent one from going farther.

This section of the city is a very poor one, the houses are of mud and are moist and small. In every house the inmates were busy at some money making job. Poor human beings. We were again much relieved when we got into the wide road which divides the once walled city into halves.

SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Each day there are pleasant and unpleasant sights one must encounter if he ever goes out from the house. One or two sentries idly station at the ends of the side streets looking whom they may devour and they with a stick of four feet in length and one and a half inch in thickness in hand accost a poor looking specimen of an ill fed man and

manhandle him to the nearest army post or police station to be dispatched to the front line of battle on the East River where the struggle is being waged for months between Dr. Sun and Chan Kwong-ming.

I was in the Work Department to-day and saw that there were many young men with sleeves turned up working on maps and drawings and things for the improvement of the city and the men in the Health Department also were busy though they complained that funds for cleaning up are short and there is much to be done to make the city a better place to live in. These two departments have moved up to a fine building near the Treasury since two months ago from the old Buddhist Temple near the Great South Gate because the latter has been sold to some H.K. real estate syndicate for a trivial sum. Indeed much good land and old temples have been sold for a small sum to meet the crying demands of the soldiers and hirings of the Government. It is not right nor fair to get rid of the public lands as the Government is doing.

SEPTEMBER 2ND.

Went to church this morning with a thankful heart to God in this change of weather for the better after a week or two nearly of heavy rain and nearly unbearable heat and with a gloomy look for fear that the preacher may blow forth a windy rambling and nonsensical discourse of nothingness. Well, I was a little at ease with the world when I saw who was to speak even though he is not a good preacher still passable.

I have frequented many churches in the last few years and yet so far I have not found a passable reader of the Holy Bible but that they all made me do make a mess of their readings; but as to preachers, I have heard one, a very old man who is now with the symts, a fine speaker, indeed, a man of wide reading and steeped with all the facts about all religions of the world. It was a pleasure to talk with him and to hear him and see him, a fine Chinese grand old gentleman, a Cantonese. We do need men of great spirit and fire to arouse the slow and careless people. But how can the Anglican Church's mournful services ever rouse the people in this land of sleepy giants? The hymns they put up for the congregation sound too dirgeful even for a most melancholic cynic.

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But, notwithstanding his strong convictions, will he, in the course of a stroll along Queen's Road, deliberately walk under a ladder, or be courageous enough to pick up a cane he may find lying in his path? Mr. Ciyb-man, are you brave enough to allow three men to light a cigarette with one match, and, Mrs. Housewife, can you honestly say that you look upon the prospect of breaking a mirror with equanimity?

The good luck brought by black cats is proverbial; whereas it is equally well established that to sit down on a pair of scissors may spoil one's luck for a week.

At this juncture the little imp "jinx" must be introduced. According to the latest theory, "jinx" is the mischievous elf responsible for our bad jobs. "Jinx" is not a word to be found in any dictionary, but it means a person or thing who brings bad luck. Every golf enthusiast has his pet jinx: at cricket, batsman and bowler alike suffer from his machinations; and the recent Weather Jinx in Hongkong is still fresh in the memory.

Popular superstitions, and their humorous possibilities, form the groundwork of the story of "The Ladder Jinx," the highly amusing comedy to be shown at the Star from Thursday to Saturday.

Arthur Barnes, the hero, did not believe in superstitions. His girl did, and when Arthur walked under a ladder, "just to show her the fun began." The humour is fast and furious right to the finish.

This is a novel idea in comedies, and has received fine notices wherever it has been shown.

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VOTING CONTEST.

HOW YOU CAN WIN \$50

"CHINA MAIL'S" BIG NEW EVENT.

ENTERTAINMENT AND EXCITEMENT.

Twenty different forms of outdoor recreation are set out below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice, putting the one you like best first, the one you like next best second and so on until you have the full ten. Then cut the form out and send it to the China Mail office marked "Vote." That is all.

The list which comes nearest the correct solution as decided by the general vote will win the prize.

The contest will last each week from Monday to Saturday. Results will be announced in the China Mail every Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the China Mail will contain one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers will thus have not less than six tries in one week.

Forms should be sent in as early as possible to help the judging. Any forms received by the China Mail later than Monday will be discounted. Any forms mutilated, indistinctly written or improperly marked will also be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the China Mail staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we name twenty different forms of outdoor recreation. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1...	Association
2...	Angling
3...	Baseball
4...	Badminton
5...	Basket Ball
6...	Bowls
7...	Cricket
8...	Cycling
9...	Croquet
10...	Golf
11...	Hockey
12...	Polo
13...	Racquets
14...	Riding
15...	Rugby
16...	Rowing
17...	Shooting
18...	Swimming
19...	Tennis
20...	Yachting

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor

China Mail, Hongkong, Sept. 5, 1923.

Sir,

I consider the following the ten most popular forms of outdoor recreation placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....

Name

Address

Next Voting Contest:—Professions.



Mrs. Warren G. Harding

Mrs. Warren G. Harding, whose life was despaired of for a time last Winter, but who recovered sufficiently to accompany her late husband on his Alaska trip, became so fatigued from her exertions she was compelled to take to her bed and to cut short all her programme of social activities.



M. & Mme. Furtwengler

Some time ago a fad started in Paris that soon became popular. Young men and women, of marriageable age and intention, began wearing green ribbons or buttons on their coats or dresses, indicating their state of singleness and their desire to wed. This badge of introduction has resulted in the first wedding since the fad began. Mlle. Freigne and M. Furtwengler, both employed in the same Paris office building, passed each other, saw the green badge, smiled and became acquainted. Their marriage at one of the local churches was widely attended.



Above is a photograph of R. A. Newman, a Chicago engineer, who is held by Mexican bandits for a \$15,000 ransom. His family has appealed to the State Department for immediate action, the bandits having threatened to kill him at once unless the money was paid. The American Government demanded of Mexico that it secure his immediate release.



Robert Lansing

Former Secretary of State Robert Lansing, who is seriously ill, in Washington, of diabetes, has responded favourably to insulin treatment. It is announced: insulin is an extract of the pancreatic gland of cattle. Its use was discovered by Dr. F. G. Banting, of Canada.



Prince Eugene Lubomirski, Polish nobleman, has reached Washington on an official diplomatic mission for his country.



Capt. F. T. Steele

Captain Franklin T. Steele, of the U. S. Marine Corps, commands the guard of U. S. Marines on the U.S.S. "Henderson," which carried the late President Harding and his party to Alaska. Captain Steele nominally commands the marines on the dreadnought "California" and was assigned to the "Henderson" for this trip.



Chief Pharmacist's Mate Samuel S. Gant, of the U. S. Navy, who has just been passed to the Naval Reserve, after 20 years of active service, during which time he has never broken naval regulations or had one mark placed against his perfect record. He has been officially commanded by Secretary of the Navy Denby.



James Couzens

Senator James Couzens, former automobile partner of Henry Ford is fighting for the modification of the Volstead dry laws. Opposed by the Anti-Saloon League, but backed by the American Legion Posts of his State, he is demanding beer with a 5 per cent alcoholic content.



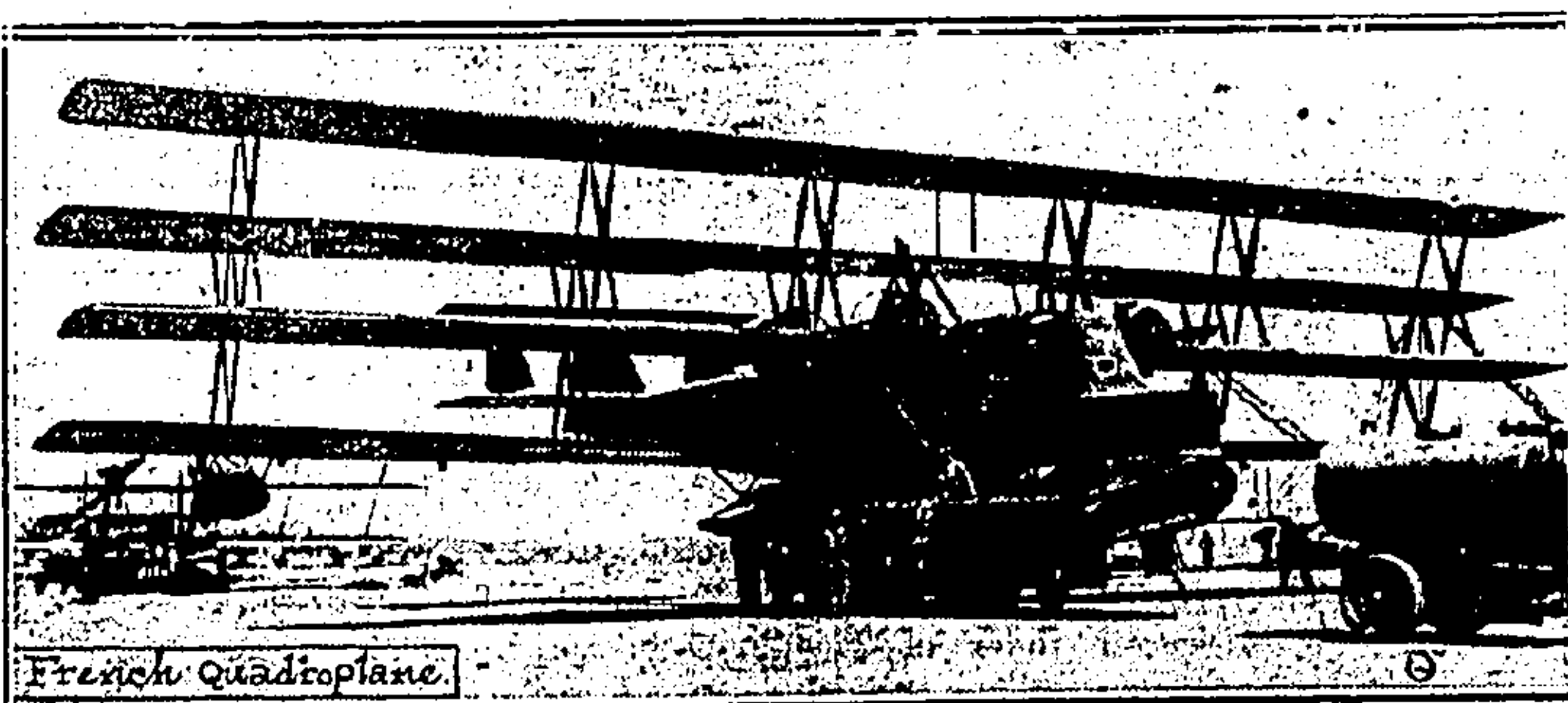
Miss Emily O'Neill

Two noted families, already united by intimate ties of friendship, are to be united by closer ties shortly when William H. Vanderbilt, eldest son of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who perished on the "Lusitania," marries Miss Emily O'Neill, of New York, in London. Mr. Vanderbilt is a nephew of Countess Gzechenyi, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Brigadier-General Cornelius Vanderbilt and Reginald C. Vanderbilt. His bride-to-be is a niece of Julia Townsend Davies and Mrs. Archibald Gourlay Thacher and a cousin of Bradley Martin.



Sam Gold

Above is shown Sam Gold, who is on the payroll of the United States Government in Washington as "Official Rat Catcher." He carries a picture of a rat on his calling cards and rides around the capital in an automobile that advertises his business. His pay is \$100 a month and he enjoys an annual bonus of \$250.



French Quadriplane

With the Entente Cordiale near the breaking point because of France's invasion of the Ruhr, England is showing deep alarm at the immense preponderance of France's aerial supremacy. Above is shown the new giant hydroplane recently completed for the French Navy and successfully tried out at Saint Raphael. The airship has four wings, instead of the conventional two, and is equipped with four engines that give her 1,000 horsepower. More ships are under construction.

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I MUST CALL AT THE OFFICE TO SEE MY HUSBAND!



WHEN DID YOU BUY THESE BOOKS?



JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO FROM A LADY!



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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

DISASTER IN JAPAN.

REGENT'S HANDSOME DONATION.

FULLER DETAILS ARRIVING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

OSAKA, September 4.
The Island of Oshima off Izu peninsula, has disappeared.

PICTURES FROM TOKYO.

The first photographs of the Tokyo disasters have arrived for the *Osaka Asahi*, which has issued an extra. These photographs depict the terrible destruction and destitute refugees. One picture shows Tokyo Observatory standing amid smoke and debris, the big clock outside stopping at 11.58.

TERRIBLE DAMAGE.

A member of the staff of the *Tokyo Asahi* walked and motored half-way and finally arrived at Osaka by rail. His observations en route indicate that the damage caused by the earthquake outside Tokyo and Yokohama is also most terrible. One old woman emerged from a shattered house, and rushing up most anxiously enquired: "What became of my boy, who was in Tokyo?"

HARROWING DETAILS.

OSAKA, September 4.
According to the stories of eye-witnesses from Tokyo, many refugees died from the great heat, which registered at one time 150 degrees Fahrenheit on account of the conflagration.

The sufferings of millions of refugees East of Shidzuoka have been aggravated by the torrential rains which have fallen since Sunday evening.

Scores of thousands of Tokyo citizens sought refuge towards the Sumida River.

Some of the frenzied men and women have become so hungry and fatigued that they have gone mad and thrown themselves into the river, where innumerable dead bodies are floating.

The tens of thousands who have assembled in Yueno Park present a pitiable scene. The aged and sick have been trampled to death or are dying.

The Ryogokubashi bridge across the Sumida was seriously damaged, and later collapsed under the weight of thousands of refugees, the majority of whom were precipitated into the river and drowned.

Another well-known bridge over the same river also gave way and about three thousand persons were flung into the river.

Another eye-witness from Hakone states that not a single house remains standing at Miyashita. All are wrecked, including the Fujiya Hotel. An explosion took place at Owakidani.

[This place is a spa about a mile from Miyashita.]

REGENT'S DONATION.

NAGASAKI, September 4.
The Prince Regent summoned Count Yamamoto and gave 100,000 yen towards relief. The Regent expressed the greatest concern for the sufferers and instructed the Government to unite in an effort to alleviate suffering.

Relief funds are being rapidly gathered everywhere, including Kobe foreign residents who have donated 50,000 yen, which was raised in a few hours.

ROYALTIES DEAD.

A number of members of the Royal Family are reported to have died from injuries.

Prince Shimadzu is also reported to have died.

ANCIENT V. MODERN.

While all structures which are of modern architecture and build have collapsed, the Pagoda at Yueno Park, which is about the only remnant of ancient architecture, is reported to be intact.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS.

Kobe, September 4.
Foreign refugees from Yokohama are arriving.

It is reported that over a hundred foreign residents at Yokohama perished.

The British and American Consuls have probably died.

FOOD RIOTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.
A wireless message from Tokyo station reports that food riots have broken out in Tokyo.

The gendarmes are strenuously suppressing the riots, using their swords.

CASUALTIES 500,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.
A wireless message from Tokyo station states that the police at Tokyo estimate the casualties due to the earthquake and fire at 500,000.

JAPANESE SECURITIES.

LONDON, September 3.
The markets show a weak tendency owing to the Japanese disaster and the Hilo-Greek crisis.

LONDON INSURANCE.

Although the liability of insurance companies is limited by a clause excluding earthquakes, the London market is likely to be considerably interested financially. For example, certain buildings in Japan are specially covered against risk from damage by earthquake, chief amongst these are the Grand Hotel, Yokohama, which, it is understood, is specially insured for £115,000 and the Yokohama United Club which was insured for £80,000.

TERRIBLE DAMAGE.

The total of such insurance is estimated at £250,000 at a premium of one per cent. per annum. There were numerous inquiries yesterday for further insurances of this kind and a rate of two per cent. per annum was quoted.

MARINE INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS.

are anxiously awaiting news with regard to the extent of their financial interests.

LONDON, September 3.

Appeals for funds to alleviate the distress in Japan are published in the newspapers, through a fund to be administered jointly by the Japan Society and the Japanese Association.

THE MORNING POST SAYS THAT THE

British people will offer their deepest sympathy and gives an assurance of their earnest desire to co-operate in the alleviation of the suffering.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH HAS NO DOUBT

that generous help will be given to Japan in the sudden and grievous calamity, for misfortune is the true test of friendship.

THE DAILY NEWS SAYS, WE ARE TOO

far away to render immediate help, but if the West can help it will do so unstintingly.

THE DAILY CHRONICLE SAYS THAT

when the need has been gauged the response from the British public will be swift and generous.

THE POPE HAS ALSO TRANSMITTED HIS

deepest regrets to Tokyo.

"ALPS MARU" FIRE

LONDON, September 3.

The fire on the steamer "Alps Maru" has been extinguished and the water pumped out.

The cargo in number five hold will be discharged into barges.

DOINGS IN CHINA.

PEKING, September 3.

Feng Yu-hsiung, yesterday, received ¥100,000 for the payment of his troops.

PEKING, September 3.

Chu Chou-shin, of the Legation, London, has been appointed Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, in succession to Huang Yung-lin, who has resigned.

THE CABINET.

PEKING, September 3.

A mandate has been issued appointing Chi Yui-sheng and General Chin Shao-teg, respectively, to the portfolios of Commerce and War.

The mandate should have been issued yesterday, but owing to the first-named having already declined it was postponed.

YCHOW SITUATION.

HANKOW, September 3.

Tan Yen-kai's forces have arrived at Ychow.

It is understood that the Northern troops have gone over.

MUTINY AT CHANGSHA.

CHANGSHA, September 3.

Chao Heng-ti's troops at Changsha have mutinied and gone over to Tan Yen-kai.

Chao Heng-ti has fled to Ychow.

LATER.

It is reported that the mutineers advanced a distance of 100 li towards Wuhsung, and arrived at Milo, where they were faced by the Northern troops.

Tan Yen-kai is expected to arrive at Changsha very soon.

Northern reinforcements are en route.

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4 months sight ... 2/3-1/4

Credits, 4 months sight ... 2/3-1/4

Documentary 4 months sight ... 2/3-1/4

On Paris—

On demand ... 910

On Berlin—

On demand ... nom.

On New York—

On demand ... 61 1/2

On Hongkong—

On demand ... 100

On Calcutta—

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On Bombay—

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On Singapore—

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N. LUND, Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 30, 1923.

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Hares, from Vancouver B.C.

Races, from Basel Tel.

Sincere, from Bradford.

R. M. MACALPINE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 30, 1923.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1923.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

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H.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate

on London ... 2/3-1/4

and on Shanghai ... 2/3-1/4

Hongkong Banks ... 2/3-1/4

do ... 2/3-1/4

East Asia Bank ... 104 1/2

Warlike Insurance

Canton Insurance ... 630 b.

North China Insurance ... 140 b.

Union Insurance ... 232 1/2 b.

Insurance Yangtze ... 232 1/2 b.

Far Easterns ... 232 1/2 b.

Fire Insurance

China Fire Insurance ... 130 b.

Hongkong Fire Insurance ... 147 1/2 b.

Shipping

Dunlop ... 69 b.

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Indo-China (Fret) ... 35 b.

do. (Def.) ... 130 b.

do. (H.K. Reg.) ... 130 b.

Shell Transport ... 73 1/2 b.

Star Ferry ... 53 1/2 b.

Hongkong Tugs and Lighter ... 140 b.

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China Sugar ... 210 1/2 b.

Malayan Sugar ... 210 1/2 b.

Mining

Kailash Mining Adm. ... 69 1/2 b.

Langkai ... 69 1/2 b.

Shanghai Loans ... Comb. T 34 1/2 b.

Shai Explorations ... 69 1/2 b.

Rauhe ... 69 1/2 b.

Troyan Mines ... 69 1/2 b.

Ural Caspian ... 69 1/2 b.

Benguet Con. ... 69 1/2 b.

Cocks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

H. & K. Wharves ... 69 1/2 b.

H. & W. Dock ... 69 1/2 b.

S. K. Dock ... 69 1/2 b.

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Hongkong Hotels ... 69 1/2 b.

Hongkong Lands ... 69 1/2 b.

Humphreys ... 69 1/2 b.

Kowloon Lands ... 69 1/2 b.

Land Reclamations ... 69 1/2 b.

Princes Building ... 69 1/2 b.

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Kung Yick ... 69 1/2 b.

Leong Kung Mow ... 69 1/2 b.

Orientals ... 69 1/2 b.

Shanghai Cotton ... 69 1/2 b.

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COURT OF INQUIRY.

**THIRD ENGINEER BLAMED
FOR LOSS OF "FERRARA."**

[China Mail Special.]

Singapore, September 4.

The Court of Inquiry, appointed
to enquire into the loss of the s.s.
"Ferrara," which was sunk in the
Straits of Malacca, has issued its
verdict. The Court found that the
loss of the vessel was due to the
incompetence and ignorance of the
Third Engineer.

CHINESE FOOTBALLERS.

**DRAWN GAME WITH
MAITLAND.**

ABERDEEN, Sept. 5.

The South China footballers
played a draw of two goals each with
the Maitland Club to-day. —*Reuter.*

The Admiral Oriental Liner
"Pres. Madison," from Seattle and
Victoria via Yokohama and Kobe,
arrived at Shanghai Tuesday, Sep-
tember 4, and sails from that port
for Hongkong Thursday morning,
September 6. This steamer, which
is due here Saturday morning,
September 8, departed from
Yokohama a day previous to the
earthquake.

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COMMERCIAL COMMENT.

METALS FOR JAPAN.

RESULT OF DISASTER.

Although matters are too serious
to view things in a flippant light, it
is interesting to mention that the
calamity in Japan has resulted in
considerable metal purchases in the
Colonies for urgent needs in the de-
vastated areas. Several lines were
in keen demand and the natural
sequel was an upsurge in prices.

Corrugated Sheets—10 x 3' corr.,
24 to 26 G. were sold at between 16
and 18 cents (Hongkong currency)
godown for immediate clearance.

Plain Galvanised Sheets—3 x 7,
30 G. fetched 13½ cents per lb. on
the same terms.

Wire Nails—1" size were also in
demand, considerable amounts
changing hands at \$11.50 per picul
keg.

It is stated that all purchases in
these three lines were for account
of Japanese hongs who were ship-
ping them away to Japan as soon
as freight is available.

TEA SHARES.

Dealing with the increased im-
ports of China tea, which for the
three months ending August 31st
were double those for the same
period of last year, the *Daily Tele-
graph's* city editor issues a warning
that the closest scrutiny is neces-
sary before buying tea shares for in-
vestment.

He says that while abnormal
prices will probably be maintained
during the present season, there
are indications that the high retail
prices will place a considerable
check on consumption and he is of
the opinion that China, for the pre-
sent will be able, notwithstanding
preference, to supply many mil-
lions of pounds of good tea at lower
prices than those quoted for Indian
and Ceylon teas, but shares which
are at present yielding ten per cent.
would only return from two to
three per cent. upon a return to
normal markets. —*Reuter.*

HOME TRADE.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co.,
Ltd., Manchester, reported as
follows on Wednesday August 2:—

Reports on the growing Ameri-
can cotton crop have again been
more favourable, the weather con-
ditions having improved consider-
ably and forecasts of the probable
yield have steadily risen again in
consequence. Owing to this the
extreme bullishness of the Ameri-
can market has received a definite
check, for the present at least.

Growers have indulged in fairly
free hedge selling and this, together
with the unfavourable political
and economic situation in
Europe has created some
anxiety amongst speculators who
have also sold heavily. The result
has been that values have dropped
sharply and, as general sentiment
for the time being appears to favour
lower values, it looks as though the
decline could only be arrested by
some unfavourable crop news.

In the Manchester market the further
fall in the raw material has had the
effect of making buying very nerv-
ous and there is a general disposi-
tion to leave everything possible
over until the outlook becomes
clearer. The amount of enquiry
for yarn and cloth has been
only moderate and actual
business has decreased very
abruptly. There still appears to
be some fairly substantial replace-
ments required for the larger East-
ern outlets, but although some of
these are for comparatively quick
shipment, purchasers show few
signs of doing anything at present.

Yarn prices are weak, especially
coarse and medium counts, which
are again most irregular as there is
considerable pressure to sell; and
quotations are reduced ¼d to 1½d
per lb. Manufacturers are also
getting short of engagements in
almost all styles, and cloth prices
are once more on an extremely
low basis. Makers of specialities
only are anything like well placed
with orders in hand. For India there
is a fair general demand and some
good lines of prints have been
sold; there is also enquiry for
both light and heavy goods and
fancies. China has bought a few
stocks of greys and whites and
Egypt and the Levant have taken
small lots of grey and white
shirtings. Java and Singapore are
quiet and only odd small lines
have been sold for South America.

Board of Conservancy Works of Kwanlung.

Waterlevels in English Feet at 8 a.m.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. ever recorded	Lowest W.L. ever recorded	W.L. at 8 a.m.	W.L. at 12 noon
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Wuchow	70.50	62.42	—	—
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Kongmoon	14.70	0.80	—	—
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Wai River	—	—	—	—
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Hinglung	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00
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North River	—	—	—	—
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Samah	27.22	6.94	21.0	20.0
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South River	—	—	—	—
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Shikling	15.10	0.82	4.8	—
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East River	—	—	—	—
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"PHENIX"	16th Oct.	London, Rotterdam and Hamburg

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(Direct or via Continental Ports)		
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"REHEUSOR"	10th Oct.	Genoa, M'los & Liverpool

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(via Kobe and Yokohama)		
"ACHILLES"	12th Sept.	Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver
"PHILOCTETES"	29th Sept.	Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver

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(via Suez or Panama)		
"BELLEROPHON"	15th Sept.	via Suez and Boston
"PERSEUS"	5th Oct.	via Suez and Boston

PASSENGER SERVICE

"MENTOR"	25th Sept.	for Singapore & London
"TELESIA"	10th Oct.	for Shanghai
"TELESIA"	6th Nov.	for Singapore & London
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From	Per	Time
Manila	Wednesday, September 5.	Pres. Grant
Shanghai	Thursday, September 6.	Liangchow
HURUPP	via Suez (later and papers, London 9th	Karmala
Ang. and Parcel 1st August)		
Shanghai	Friday, September 7.	Yingchow
Shanghai		Macao, India
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai		Pres. Lincoln
Bombay		Nagano Maru
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.		
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai		President Madison
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.		
Shanghai	Thursday, September 13.	Zachueo
Bombay		Sado Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Time
Manila	Wednesday, September 5.	Sin Nam Hoi 5 p.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Thursday, September 6.	Kai Ping 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Friday, September 7.	Taiqua Maru 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Naro Maru No. 1 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Yunnan 9 a.m.
Hoihow		Chihpa 10 a.m.
Shanghai		Prosper 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VICTORIA B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 26th Sept. Ship sails 7th inst 10 a.m. Parcel 5 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 7th 8.30 a.m.		President Grant
Shanghai	Friday, September 7.	Lokant 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Wingong 2 p.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok		Karmala 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLE—due Marseilles 8th Oct.—Ship sails at mid-night, 7th Sept. Parcel noon Registration, 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Chunshang 5 p.m.
Manila	Saturday, September 8.	Macedonia
Shanghai	Sunday, September 9.	Pres. Lincoln 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Tuesday, September 11.	Tijonard 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Monday, September 10.	Hai Hong 9 a.m.
Manila	Tuesday, September 11.	Pres. Madison 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa India via Dhanushkodi and Bombay		
Swatow, Amoy Keelung	Wednesday, September 12.	Onka Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 13th Oct. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. Parcel 5 p.m.		Hoihow Noon
Shanghai	Thursday, September 13.	Fushimi Maru 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Friday, September 14.	Yoshino Maru 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Wednesday, September 19.	Hai Hong Noon
Manila, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 30th Sept. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		Tango Maru

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